Obituaries

Joseph H. Davidson

Joseph H. Davidson of 1320 Floyd St., Lynchburg, departed this life Monday evening at Guggenheimer Memorial Hospital.

Born in Appomattox County, he was the son of the late Horace G. Davidson and Mrs. Mattie W. Davidson. He was a former employee of Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

He is survived by one brother, Roger A. Davidson of Washington, D.C.; one sister, Miss Bettie I. Davidson of Lynchburg; other relatives and many friends.

Graveside services conducted Friday at 3 p.m. in Forest Hill Burial Park, with the Rev. N. S. Walker officiating.

Community Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Granville Lewis Dodd

Myrtice Spiggle Dodd, 80, of 106 Berkshire Place, Lynchburg, died Wed., Nov. 23, in Lynchburg Nursing Home.

She was born in Appomattox County, a daughter of the late Charles B. Spiggle and Mildred W. Spiggle. She was a retired employee of Craddock-Terry Shoe Corporation, where she was a member of the Quarter Century Club, and was a member of Chestnut Hill Baptist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Evelyn O. Abromatis; one sister, Mrs. Pauline S. Hicks, one grandson, Calvin E. Greene, Jr., and one great-grandson, Paul Ellis Greene, all of Lynchburg.

Funeral services were conducted from Diuguid Rivermont Chapel Saturday at 2 p.m. by the Rev. Alden L. Hicks, with interment in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Everette H. Fleshman

Everette Henry Fleshman, 81, of Route 1, Phenix, died at 11:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, 1983, at Lynchburg General Hospital following a long illness.

He was born in Charlotte County, a son of the late Willie J. Fleshman and Mary Alice Ferguson Fleshman. He was a member of Concord Presbyterian Church and a retired farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Ida Melton Fleshman; a son, James E. (Jimmy) Fleshman of Appomattox; one granddaughter, Joanie Fleshman Daniel of Phenix; one brother, Hudson Fleshman of Blue Ridge, and two sisters, Mrs. Bessie F. Hamlett of Phenix and Mrs. Rosa F. Wilbun of Red House.

A funeral service was conducted Monday at 2:30 p.m. at Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox, by the Rev. Leon Scott. Burial was in Midway Baptist Church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Viola Kestner Franklin

Viola Kestner Franklin, 83, of Spout Spring, died at 4 a.m. Nov. 27, 1983, at Guggenheimer Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of the late Early Allen Franklin.

Born in Washington County, she was a daughter of the late Hardy Kestner and Mary Gobble Kestner. She was a member of Spout Spring Baptist Church and the W.M.U.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Wallace (Margaret) Megginson, Spout Spring; a son, Allen E. Franklin, Appomattox; three grandchildren, Mrs. Dillard (Margie) Franklin, Mrs. Douglas (Sheila) Webb and Randell Allen Franklin; a great-granddaughter, Kathleen Rebecca Webb; a brother, T.R. Kestner, Appomattox; and a sister, Myrtle Gilmer, Bristol.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Robinson Funeral Home with burial at Spout Spring Baptist Church Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Leroy Glover

Leroy Glover departed this life Thursday at his residence in Huntington, W. Va.

Born in Nelson County, he was a son of the late Sidney and Melinda Glover Robinson. He was the widower of Irene Kidd Glover.

He is survived by four daughters, Peggy Revely and Brenda Carpenter, both of Gladstone, Deborah Glover, Appomattox, and Ethel L. Glover of Huntington, W. Va.; five sons, Elmer Glover, Henrico, David W. Glover, Richmond, Kenneth Glover, Lynchburg, and Robert L. Glover and David L. Glover, both of Huntington, W.Va. two brothers, Bill Robinson, Gladstone, and John Robinson, Appomattox; four sisters, Martha Johnson, Buena Vista, and Nannie Moss, Sarah Morris and Geraldine Thornton, all of Gladstone; two uncles, Tom Robinson, Gladstone, and Tom Johnson, Appomattox; three aunts, Cornelia Wilson of Huntington, W. Va., Florence Leisure, Clifton Forge, and Lizzie Revely, Gladstone; five grandchildren; a son-in-law; and a daughter-in-law.

Funeral arrangements, which are incomplete, are by Wright Funeral Home, Amherst.

David Lee Humbles

David Lee Humbles of Route 3, Appomattox, departed this life Thursday evening.

He was born in Appomattox County, the son of Mrs. Pinkie Smith Humbles and the late Peyton Humbles. He was a member of Mount Airy Baptist Church, Appomattox, and was employed by Lynchburg Foundry, Archer Creek Plant.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Revely Humbles; one daughter, Miss Melinda G. Humbles of Appomattox; four stepchildren; four brothers, the Rev. Ernest Humbles, John Humbles and Steve Humbles, all of Appomattox, and Robert Humbles of Lynchburg; one sister, Mrs. Serena H. Mosley of Appomattox; other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. from Mount Airy Baptist Church, Appomattox County. Dr. Henry W. Pryor officiating. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Community Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The Rev. Samuel Wendell Johnson

The Rev. Samuel Wendell Johnson of Route 3, Appomattox, departed this life Thursday evening in Appomattox County. His wife is Mrs. Elva Ferguson Johnson.

He was born in Appomattox County, son of the late Samuel Johnson and Hulder Johnson. He was a member of Mount Airy Baptist Church in Appomattox County, a retired coal miner and assistant pastor of Silver Grove Baptist Church in Rustburg.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by six sons, Eugene Johnson, Oregon, Orville Johnson of New York, Gilbert Johnson of Germany, Alphonso Johnson, Chesapeake, Napoleon Johnson, and Samuel W. Johnson of Beckley W. Va.; two daughters, Mrs. Libby Heath and Miss Lelia Johnson, both of Beckley, W. Va.; three brothers, Al Walker Johnson, Appomattox, James Johnson of Beckley, W. Va., and Hiawatha Johnson, Lynchburg; two sisters, Miss Gertrude Johnson, Appomattox, and Mrs. Lavenia Waller of Philadelphia, Pa.; and a host of nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. from Mount Airy Baptist Church, Appomattox County, Dr. Henry W. Pryor officiating. Interment was in Ferguson family cemetery.

Community Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ellie Lee Jordan

Ellie Lee Jordan, 76, of Appomattox, died Thursday, Nov. 24, 1983, in Guggenheimer Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of Bible Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son, Lenwood H. Brightwell, and a sister, Mrs. Evie Lee Smith, both of Appomattox; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday from Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. Robert E. Lee with burial in Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

John Patterson (Jack) Marshall, Jr.

John Patterson Marshall, Jr., 59, of Staunton, died at 11:15, November 24 in Kings Daughters Hospital following a six-month illness.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving from Feb., 1941 'til Nov., 1945 in the 8th Air Force in the European Theatre, and a member of the First Baptist Church, Staunton.

Born November 29, 1923 in Appomattox County, he was the son of John P. Marshall and Reva C. Marshall.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria Pugh Marshall; a son, Vincent R. Marshall, Staunton; three daughters, Mrs. Donna Swats, Wilmington, Del.,

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The dawning of a new day

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
THE DAWNING OF A NEW DAY
Lesson for December 4, 1983
Bible Study Passages: Isaiah 2:2-4; 62:1-3; 65:17-25

Introduction

This lesson marks the beginning of December and the celebration of Christmas. This month's lesson will focus upon the hopeful message in Isaiah concerning the coming Messiah.

Hope is a necessary ingredient for facing life's harsh realities. Hope is a central concern of the Bible. Hope is something more than wishful thinking or gambling on a long shot. Biblical writers describe hope as a sound belief in God's promise to help his people.

Nowadays many of us are hoping for peace in our world. The recent movie, THE DAY AFTER, describes a world gone mad. Survivors of such a war would be the losers. The chaos of nuclear war would seemingly take away any hope humanity ever had. But hope is not grounded in humanity's ability to act in peaceful, non-aggressive ways. Our hope is in God.

We can pray and work towards peace. We must avoid praying for "hopeless" things. When it becomes clear, for example, that an illness is terminal, we may cease praying for healing and pray instead for death with dignity, intimate last days with family and friends, and the dawning of a new day when there will be no more wars, no tears, and no pain.

Message to the Nations [Isaiah 2:1-5]

Isaiah was a great spokesperson for God. He received revelations and visions which he would proclaim among the people.

The Temple of the Lord was located on a mountain. But the fact that it was situated on a high place does not explain its prominence. The Temple became the place where truth was revealed. But Isaiah forewarned that the Temple would be destroyed when Jerusalem fell.

Verse 4 is one of the most well-known biblical messages. It is often quoted in political circles as a hopeful promise for peace. This verse does not describe a state of peace achieved through diplomacy and treaties. The peace Isaiah describes refers to a future event when the will of God will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Hope For a City [Isaiah 62:1-5]

Isaiah was not merely an outsider who did not care what happened to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for this was his city too. He loved his city and did not want to witness its destruction, but he knew God could not overlook disobedience.

But there was hope that following the destruction and exile, Jerusalem, would be rebuilt and receive a new name: The Holy City of God would also be the city that would reject God's Son.

The hope Christians who choose not to follow the commandments of God is that grace is always available upon request and confession.

Hope For A New Day [Isaiah 65:17-25]

The people of God have a grand future to look forward to. Indeed, the best is yet to come!

God is always preserving those remants who choose to turn around and embrace God's promises. Those who hearken to the voice of God shall eat, drink, celebrate and sing!

God will establish "a new heaven and a new earth." The Old Testament writers did not have a clear perception of life after death. Their concern was mainly with the here and now. They could only understand that which they could easily see.

We who live beyond the days of Old Testament writers have a clearer vision of God's plan and purpose. The coming of Christ has shown us the way to hope and peace everlasting. The kingdom on earth can only faintly resemble the kingdom of heaven, but we are called to help bring the kingdom of earth to resemble the way it is in heaven.

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Christmas concert set for Dec. 11

The choirs of Appomattox County High School, Appomattox Presbyterian, Liberty Baptist, and Memorial United Methodist churches will combine to present a concert of Christmas Choral music, Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church.

The 100-voice choir, under the direction of Steven R. Lawrence, will perform "Zion Hears The Watchmen's Voices" from Cantata 140 by J. S. Bach, "Some Children See Him" by Alfred Burt, and a larger work by John Ness Beck titled, "The Shephards." Accompanists for the choir will be Sue J. Wright, organ and Frank Coffey, flute.

On the same program the ACHS Chorale will perform "A CEremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten. This work is composed of 11 contemporary carols on olden words and was composed for choruses and harp.

Admission to the concert is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Ruritans begin tree sale

Members of the Oakville Ruritan Club will leave Appomattox early on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 3 to pick up trees for their annual Christmas tree sale.

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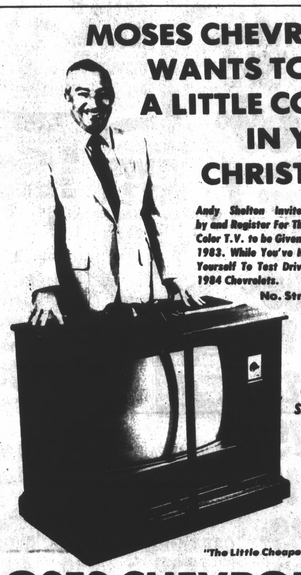

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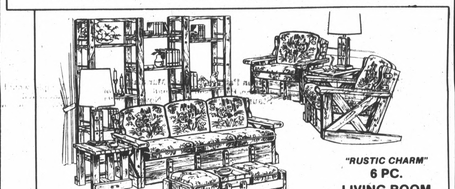

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